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SUBJ: SC MEETING ON BEIRUT RAID: SITREP AS OF 2100 APRIL 20

SUMMARY. AS OF 2100 HOURS SITUATION HERE FLUID. AFRICANS INCENSED OVER LEBANESE/ EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO " CONDEMNS." OTHER NON- ALIGNED GREATLY IRRITATED BY SUCCESS OUR EFFORTS WITH UK/ FRENCH EARLIER IN DAY. CHINESE HAVE ASKED INSTRUCTIONS AND SOVS SILENT. THERE IS NO DISCERNABLE NEW INITIATIVE. ODDS ARE SLIGHTLY IN FAVOR OF DRAFT BEING APPROVED APRIL 21, BUT POSSIBILITY OF CHINESE VETO OR DEFEAT BY ABSTENTION, IF VOTE TAKEN, MUST BE KEPT IN MIND. END SUMMARY.

1. AT END OF DAY SC MEMBERSHIP WAS BADLY SPLIT AND IN HIGHLY EMOTIONAL STATE. SITUATION IS VERY FLUID. UK/ FRENCH/ LEBANESE/ EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO NUMBER OF OUR PROPOSALS CAUGHT MANY CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY SURPRISE.

2. AFRICANS ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER " CONDEMNS" WHICH THEY FEAR COULD UNDERMINE POSITION SO FIRMLY ADOPTED ON TERRORISM DEBATE LAST GA (I. E. OF AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS CANNOT BE VIEWED AS TERRORISM).

3. YUGOSLAV AND INDIAN PERMREPS WERE BESIDE THEMSELVES WITH ANGER AND TALKED OPENLY, ACCORDING TO KENYAN PERMREP, ABOUT " STARKEST DISPLAY OF US TACTICS AND POWER THEY HAD SEEN." SUDANESE PERMREP IS DISTURBED OVER " RECENT SINCE KHARTOUM TRAGEDY IS HIGHLIGHTED. IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANTIVE REASONS SUCH AS NEED FOR INSTRUCTIONS, PIQUE PLAYED PART IN REQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT.

4. AFRICANS AND NON- ALIGNED HAVE SEVERELY PRESSURED PERMREP GHORRA AND INDUCED HIM MAKE APPEAL TO US TO RETURN TO " DEPLORE" WHICH WE REJECTED (SEPTTEL). OTHER THAN THAT EFFORT, HOWEVER, THIS BITTERNESS AND FRUSTRATION HAS NOT BEEN CHANNELED INTO ANY DISCERNIBLE NEW INITIATIVE.

5. THERE IS MUCH TALK THAT AFRICANS AND NON- ALIGNED, TOGETHER WITH CHINESE, WILL ATTEMPT DEFEAT RES BY ABSTENTIONS. HOWEVER, MANY OBSERVERS, WHILE NOT TOTALLY DISCOUNTING POSSIBILITY, BELIEVE THIS GROUP, HAVING VENTED ITS IRRITATION, WILL RELUCTANTLY GO ALONG WITH LEBANESE. ISRAELIS HAVE COME TO THIS CONCLUSION. MAJOR EFFORT BY CHINESE, WHICH NOT NOW VISIBLE, COULD ALTER THIS ASSESSMENT. ALSO TO BE BORNE IN MIND IS POSSIBILITY OF CHINESE VETO.

6. FINAL RUMOR OF DAY IS THAT SOVS WILL INTRODUCE AMENDMENT ON NON- USE OF FORCE (NUF) TO EMBARRASS CHINESE.
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